

WILCOX OIL REFINERY SITE, ATSDRs suggested steps to prevent exposure to contamination on the site.

For those people living, working or visiting the site, it is important not to introduce contamination into homes. If you have reason to be on the Wilcox site, the following are some recommendations to limit/ reduce exposure to contamination on the site. The concern about exposure is limited to the areas on the site where contamination is present:

- Ensure proper hygiene, especially frequent hand washing and rinsing outside toys
- Avoid/restrict access to exposed areas of visible oily waste
- Reduce exposure to bare soil in accessible areas
- Plant ground cover or shrubbery to reduce exposure to bare soil
- Keep fruit and vegetable gardens away from oily sludge areas
- Use gloves to avoid direct contact with soils
- Soil should be thoroughly shaken off clothes and footwear, before entering homes
- Keep and use a doormat or brush for footwear outside outer doors
- Construct raised beds filled with purchased soil for vegetable gardening
- Rinse and launder gardening clothing promptly to avoid bringing contaminated soil into the home
- Wash floors and vacuum carpets regularly
- Test home for lead paint
- Participate in child blood lead test programs with the county Health Department